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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN ENERGY FUND."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Renewable Energy
4 Investments Board, established pursuant to section 16-245n of the 2008
5 supplement to the general statutes, in consultation with the
6 Department of Public Utility Control, shall convene a working group
7 to develop a plan to maximize the use of solar power and create a self-
8 sustaining solar industry in Connecticut that will help meet renewable
9 portfolio standard requirements and the greenhouse gas emissions
10 limits of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Said plan shall
11 identify a target megawatt goal and a timeline for achieving this target
12 and shall include recommendations regarding workforce development
13 and job training necessary to build an in-state solar workforce and
14 regarding coordination with other programs where appropriate.

- 15 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:
- 16 (1) One representative from each of the state's electric distribution
17 companies;
- 18 (2) Two representatives of environmental nonprofits with expertise
19 in clean energy policy;
- 20 (3) Two representatives of the solar industry, one of whom shall
21 represent the residential solar industry and one of whom shall
22 represent a large commercial integrator;
- 23 (4) One representative of a solar trade association;
- 24 (5) One representative of renewable finance;
- 25 (6) One representative of a community college offering solar
26 training; and
- 27 (7) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the
28 commissioner's designee.
- 29 (c) The plan created pursuant to this section shall describe both the
30 benefits of and the costs associated with achieving a self-sustaining
31 solar industry and maximizing the use of solar power, including, but
32 not limited to, (1) types and amounts of incentives to maximize in-state
33 solar installations; (2) methods of residential solar financing; (3)
34 estimated energy production; and (4) solar benefits, including avoided
35 fossil fuel combustion, reduced congestion and peak power
36 production, job creation, air quality and reductions in global warming
37 emissions.
- 38 (d) On or before October 15, 2008, the Renewable Energy
39 Investments Board shall approve and submit the plan created pursuant
40 to this section to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, established
41 pursuant to section 16-243m of the 2008 supplement to the general
42 statutes, and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
43 having cognizance of matters relating to energy."